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Erika Sifrit, a 2000 MWC graduate is escorted by police.

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Grad Gone Bad Sifrit Gets Life, 20 Years

BY LAURA DICKINSON
Staff Writer

Erika Sifrit, a 2000 Mary Washington College alumna, was sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years on Aug. 14. Sifrit, 25, was convicted of homicide for the murders of a Fairfax County couple who she and her husband met while bar-hopping in Ocean City, Md. last year.

Described by prosecutors as "Little Miss Scrapbook," a depraved killer who kept criminal souvenirs," Sifrit was charged with the first-degree murders of Martha Crutchley, 51, and Joshua E. Ford, 32. Charges were also brought against her husband, Benjamin Sifrit, who is currently serving 37 years for the second-degree murder of Crutchley.

According to a Washington Post article, Erika Sifrit asked to apologize to the victims' families on the day she was sentenced.

"Everything they said to me, I deserve that and so much more," she told a Washington Post reporter. "I don't feel worthy to stand here and ask their forgiveness. I can't fathom their loss."

Anita Ferguson, spokesperson for the Worcester County State's Attorney Office and Public Information Officer,

said although Sifrit appeared to be crying during her apology, there were no tears, only the gyrations of apparent sobbing.

"The courtroom was very small," Ferguson said. "I was practically sitting next to her and I did not see any tears. Maybe this is just the way she cries."

According to the Associated Press, Sifrit's trial was held in Frederick County, Md. due to the publicity the case received in Ocean City.

Ferguson said when Sifrit was first charged, she pled not guilty. However, early on, she avoided the death penalty when she agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

Sifrit is currently serving her sentence at the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women in Jessup, Md. She was not available for comment.

In addition to the murder charges, Ferguson said Sifrit was convicted of theft for having the victims' possessions.

Before her arrest, a picture was taken showing Sifrit wearing Crutchley's ring around her neck with the victim's blood still on it. Ferguson said the ring was later found in Sifrit's purse along with gun casings and the murder weapons.

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What New Locks? Key System Delayed

BY BETSY CRUMB
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Mary Washington's transition from key locks to ID card machines will be finished by the end of this year, administrators said.

About two years ago, Facility Services and the Access Cards Committee, decided to switch the locks on residence buildings from the silver, circular flat-key locks to a system which requires a student ID.

According to Carol Martin, chairperson of the committee, funds for the \$500,000 project will be supplied by the Residence Hall Renovation Project.

Martin said the Committee sent out a Request For Proposal form in June 2002, which asks for bids from security companies who are willing to take on the task. By November, the college had received eight responses and chose Vector Security for the job in January 2003, based on pricing and the company's ability to meet the necessary requirements.

The new keys will be ID proximity cards. The cards will have the same façade as the present student ID, but can also be used to open the doors of halls, said Carolyn Taylor, director of Auxiliary Services and member of the Access Cards Committee. The cards

now have two strips, including an account strip, that is used for meals, library check-outs, EagleOne money and student identification. A vending strip is used for laundry, vending machines and printing. Taylor said the new ID cards will also include a small proximity chip surrounded by an antenna which will allow for students to simply flash the card at the machine and have the door open.

Taylor said the price to replace the new cards will be either the same or only slightly more than the \$10 fee for lost IDs now. The first card will be issued for free to residential students and commuter students will continue to use their current cards.

"With the old system, a lost key meant a lot of money," Taylor said. "Now, if you lose your card we will simply turn off access to the ID number and the charge for replacement will be equivalent or slightly more than it is now."

According to the administration the original goal was to have the locks finished and placed on freshmen halls for the incoming students this semester and completed on upperclassmen residence halls by the end of the spring semester. However, while the machines are in fact on the dorms ready for use, a technical error in the

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Mary Stanley, Bullet

Freshmen Lindsay Evans, Will Tchi and Drew Bambrick stand by Mercer Hall, which now houses freshmen.

Mercer Gets Fresh

BY MARY DAVID
Staff Writer

This year, Mary Washington College's incoming freshman class gained an additional residential environment when Mercer Hall was transformed from an upperclass hall to a freshman hall.

The First Year Experience program, which was designed for students who would like to live in a community with others who share some of their classes, is also being housed in Mercer this year.

"Mercer was made a freshman residence hall because of its small size," said Emily Mosley, the head resident of Mercer. "It was thought that that would be the most effective for the First Year Experience."

Mosley said that groups of fifteen students have two classes that they take together.

"One is English 101 and the other is either a sociology or another english class," Mosley said. "It's designed to promote a close knit community and help freshmen transition into college by providing them with study groups right in their building."

The program also sponsors special workshops catered towards adjusting to college life.

Mosley said that the learning community as a whole appears to be progressing very well.

"I definitely see strong bonds forming in the building," she said. "This is evident just by walking down any of the hallways in the building. Almost all the doors are kept open; residents are in and out of each other's rooms constantly."

Freshmen participating in the First

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Verbatim...

"I didn't even know we had a Gun Club. It makes me think of rednecks though."

- Janet Cooper, pg. 8



Police Beat

BY ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer



Aug. 10—A resident assistant discovered bottle rockets in a room in Madison Hall. The illegal fireworks were later confiscated by campus police.

Aug. 10—At 7:04 a.m., Benjamin Rivera, 44, of Spotsylvania, was observed passed out on a bench in front of George Washington Hall. The odor of alcohol was detected and Rivera was found to be intoxicated. Rivera was arrested for being drunk in public.

Aug. 17—At 10:17 a.m., an officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Double Drive. The unattended vehicle was left in neutral and hit the iron gates leading to the entrance of Mary Washington College. There was no damage to the gate, but damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$500. No charges were filed.

Aug. 21—At 4:03 p.m., a man was observed in front of Brent House attempting to sell artwork without the proper vendor registration. Erie John Piston, 20, of Woodbridge, was issued a trespassing warning and escorted off campus.

Aug. 24—At 11:45 a.m., a student in Mason Hall reported that profanity was written on her door. Housekeeping cleaned the obscene words off of the door and the case is under investigation.

Aug. 24—At 2:02 p.m., campus police responded to a fire at the MWC Apartments. The fire had been put out before the fire department arrived. The fire was caused by a cigarette that had been thrown from a balcony. There was no damage and no charges were filed.

Aug. 25—At 2:30 p.m., a staff

member observed a Ford Escort in the MWC Apartments driving the wrong way on a one-way street. When the staff member tried to direct the 21-year-old male student in the right direction, he gave an offensive gesture and continued to drive the wrong way. The student was later identified and referred to the administration.

Aug. 26—At 11:15 a.m., a staff member observed a female student parking in a reserved space in the George Washington parking lot. When the staff member informed the student that she was in a reserved space the female responded, "I do not care what happens, I need to go to class." The 21-year-old female student was ticketed, her vehicle was towed and she was referred to the administration.

Aug. 29—At 12:45 p.m., a motor vehicle accident was reported in the Simpson Library parking lot. A Mary Washington College van backed into an unoccupied vehicle. There was no damage to the van, but the other vehicle had damage estimated at \$1500. No charges were filed.

Aug. 30—Between Aug. 25 and 29, the glass cover on a television in the lobby of Mason Hall was broken. A table and an arm chair were also damaged. The damage is estimated to be under \$1000. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 1—At 1:47 a.m., an officer observed a 19-year-old female student from Randolph Hall lying on the brick walkway in front of Seacobeck Hall. She said that she had a lot to drink and was physically ill. She was transported to Mary Washington Hospital and referred to the administration.

residence hall that the student lives in. Alarms are inserted at each machine and will be set off if the door is held open too long or entered illegally. The campus police will be notified with each alarm.

The MWC Apartments will not be included in the changing of the lock systems at first. However, in the future, the college hopes to secure the apartments as well as other buildings with the same system, according to Taylor.

"We're really looking forward to getting the system up and running," said Chris Porter, director of Residence Life and a member of the committee. "It'll be really great when it is."

The date for the completion of the new key system is still unknown. The Access Cards Committee will hold a meeting every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in George Washington Hall room 106 and will be open to the public.

Sifrit Jailed For Life

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During the trial, Sifrit was portrayed as having two circulating images, one as a killer and one as an honor student and star basketball player from Altoona, Penn. According to the Washington Post, this apparent personality split prompted Frederick County Circuit Court Judge G. Edward Dwyer Jr., who sentenced Sifrit, to say she reminded him of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

According to Ferguson, although only Sifrit knows exactly what happened, she believes Sifrit fired one of the shots at Crutchley, but missed and finished the woman off with a knife. Ferguson said only Crutchley's leg was found and Ford died of two gunshot wounds to his left torso.

Ferguson also said nine days after the killings, remnants of both bodies were found in a Delaware landfill.

The prosecution proposed a theory about the Sifrits' motives.

"It was a game to lure people back."

With the same promise of returning a missing purse, Ferguson said the couple was cited with bringing another couple besides Crutchley and Ford back to their apartment.

"Although Erika may have had the stiffer sentence, there was plenty of guilt to go around between her and her husband," Ferguson said. "They each pointed a finger at the other. He was more successful in putting the blame on her."

The Associated Press said contrary to the prosecution's argument, Erika Sifrit's defense, Attorney Tumlinelli of Baltimore stated that Benjamin Sifrit, a discharged Navy SEAL, was the killer. According to the Associated Press, Tumlinelli called Sifrit, "a fragile, psychologically weak young woman who aided her husband because she craved his affection."

Benjamin Sifrit was charged with the second-degree murder of Crutchley as

well as the burglary of a Hooters Restaurant in Spotsylvania for more than \$300 worth of hats and T-shirts. He was cleared of criminal charges in Ford's murder and sentenced to 38 years in prison on July 7.

According to Ferguson, Sifrit told police that she and her husband were followers of Hitler. Photographs were taken of a large swastika tattoo on Benjamin Sifrit's chest.

Ferguson said she found this case unusual because there was a distinct trail of photographs and souvenirs documenting the murders.

"We could trace the criminal activities in sequence through the film," Ferguson said. "There was even a picture of Crutchley and Ford at the nightclub before they were killed."

It was this elaborate documentation that earned Sifrit her nickname, "Little Miss Scrapbook."

Soon after graduating with honors from Mary Washington College in 2000, Sifrit

opened a scrapbook store titled Memory Lane in Altoona, Penn.

Known then as Erika Grace, she was a history major and a member of Phi Alpha Theta during her junior year in college.

Sifrit was also the star of the Mary Washington

College women's basketball team during her freshman and sophomore years.

According to the 1997 Battlefield and an August 2002 edition of the Bulletin, Sifrit was an impressive three-point shooter. She had a .479 average behind the arc. Her reason for leaving the team is not known.

In Spring 2002, the college sent an e-mail telling employees not to discuss information about Sifrit's academic or judicial record while at the college due to potential liability.

Sifrit's friends and family refused to comment because they did not want their names connected with the case.

"[Sifrit was] a fragile, psychologically weak young woman who aided her husband because she craved his affection."

-Anita Ferguson

Key System MIA

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ID cards themselves postponed the use of the new system. The chip in the card which identifies the student's proximity to the door clashed with the account strip when first tested in late summer.

Due to the unexpected error, the committee was forced to return to the old key system for the incoming freshmen.

"We chose to do this mainly as a security factor," Taylor said. "They will be great as opposed to the ugly metal knobs we now have, but rather than have the cards work improperly we set up the old system again."

Martin said she agreed that the new system was instated mainly for safety reasons.

"This way provides for more security; it's the way many other institutions operate," she said.

The card system will open only the

Mercer Houses Freshmen

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Year Experience program chose to do so by checking a box on their housing form.

This is the third year of the learning community, Porter said. There were other communities in Jefferson Hall and Russell Hall.

Their reasons for participating in the learning community vary. Freshman Chris Hock said that he thought it was practical.

"The classes offered were two classes I thought I would benefit from," he said.

Freshman Carrie Ingalls said that she had a more social reason for signing up.

"I really liked the fact that I would get to meet people right away," Ingalls said. "They advertised it like a really tight community."

Mercer gained a reputation for being haunted years ago due to the fact that it functioned as an Infirmary during the Civil War.

Most of the students said they have heard the stories about Mercer being haunted, but that they don't let it bother them.

"I haven't had any encounters," said freshman Christy Leckburg. "It may be haunted, but if it is, it's definitely a friendly ghost."

Some freshmen said that the ghost

story is already getting a little old.

"I haven't seen anything here that would convince me," Hock said. "And I'm sick of hearing about it."

Mercer houses 50 residents and is the smallest residential hall on campus.

Students said that the small number emphasizes community values and overall acceptance of everyone.

Freshman Enrique Cancel-Vargas said that an advantage to the small community is that they get to know everyone in their residence hall.

"It's fun because you know people in your class right when you get there, so it makes breaking in much easier," Cancel-Vargas said.

Breaking in is what the First Year Experience program is all about, Mosely said.

"I think they'll have an easier transition," she said.

According to Vice President of Admissions Marty Wilder, the class of 2007 is made up of 888 students.

Wilder said that the applicant pool is becoming more and more competitive every year.

"This is the strongest group of students we've seen in terms of academic credentials," Wilder said. "The SAT scores... saw a substantial increase."

Mosley said she is thrilled about the way things are going. "So far, so good."

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Viewpoints

Editorial

It's New

Students returned to Mary Washington last week to witness a campus undergoing a lot of change.

Change, sometimes, presents new challenges. When sweeping the path clear, dust can blow up in the face.

The new recreation center, originally projected to open at the beginning of the fall semester, has postponed its completion date much to the dismay of several students and athletes.

The updated ID cards which were going to act as keys to residence halls were not put into effect.

And then there is the mess over a "new" name for the college...or is it university?

From the looks of things it's no wonder some people prefer to stick to what is familiar.

We believe sometimes change is good.

The most recent addition to student housing, for example, the MWC Apartments located on Williams Street, opened their doors to 350 juniors and seniors.

While there were a few hiccups here and there in getting the complex up and ready for the incoming residents, the majority of the student response to the apartments has been positive.

The Eagles' Nest has added some more variety to its menu as well as expanding the space in some of the cramped lines.

The Bulletin, not to be left out, is embracing change too. With an entirely new staff, new program and new layout the Bulletin is embarking on creating a more innovative publication that offers the same quality of writing that the Mary Washington community expects from their student newspaper.

Not without a few hiccups. Ahem.



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Whatchu talkin' 'bout, California

James S. Valliant
Guest Columnist

Politicians do a lot of talking. It's part of the job description. But what is often most revealing is what a politician does not say.

Governor Davis and his supporters -- facing an unprecedented recall effort -- are talking a lot about the process. Process this and process that.

First, a special election costs too much. After all -- with the economic mess we're in -- California hardly has spare change, much less the 30 -- no, 60 -- no, 100 million dollars that this election is going to cost us. Yes, the cost estimates have been less than honest, but that's really not the point.

The logic of the argument seems to be that only when a governor is doing a great job and the finances are flush, should

Clockwise from top left: Larry Flynt, the cast of *Different Strokes* with a different Arnold, Arnold Schwarzenegger, California Governor Gray Davis, California.

we recall a governor. When the governor has really screwed up -- when we have a thirty-eight billion dollar debt -- that's when we just can't consider sacking the Big Guy in Sacramento. If a governor wants to avoid a recall, all he has to do is run the state's finances into the ground. Got it?

The fact is, elections are about the cheapest, most cost-effective thing that governments do.

Next, there is the threat of impending chaos and doom -- the blackmail note from recall opponents which threatens that the next governor will face an immediate recall himself. Oh, no! Cats and dogs living together, what next?!

Every California governor since Earl Warren has faced a recall effort -- every single one. This effort has simply been the first to succeed. Despite resentment over losing a court case about out-of-state petition services, it is doubtful that a future

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Letters to the Editor

Not Again

Dear Editor:

I've just been made aware of the resurgence of efforts on the behalf of the president to change the name of Mary Washington College to something far less distinct in the hopes of coddling to the few prospective students who actually care about the gender of their school's name sake. Please feel free to point out to President Anderson that if a name change takes place, he can write off any future donations from me or any of the numerous alumni with whom I maintain contact.

Rusty Booth graduated in 2000.

Generations With A Name

Dear Editor:

It is with great joy that I have returned for my senior year at Mary Washington College. It is with great sadness, however, that an old issue still has not been resolved. President Anderson is still on his quest to change the name of our school, because apparently the name Mary Washington, which has served as a good name for decades, fails to bring in

enough male students. Never mind what the name Mary Washington means to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the college's reputation; clear out the old and make way for the new.

I realize that my argument may sound a bit elitist, but apparently there are men so shallow that they will not consider applying to a college named after a woman. Are these even the kinds of men who would add any appreciable value to the college? Why should Mary Washington even waste time trying to lure these people to our campus when they are so out of touch with our values of equality?

Mary Washington College has had both men and women in attendance since my own mother was a student here in the early 1970s. An entire generation has passed since men were first admitted; I think that anyone considering the college by now knows that Mary Washington is no longer a women's college. Perhaps president Anderson would make better decisions if he would stop trying to fix what is not broken, take a look outside his office window and see what lies before him. Mary Washington College, a small, southern, liberal arts college, is very good at what it does and needs surprisingly little meddling.

I am proud to be a second-generation

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Features

Campus Reacts to Student Fatalities Traffic Accidents Leading Cause of Death for Ages Six to 33

BY CHRIS WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

This summer two Mary Washington College students, Aaron Zentgraf and Emily M. Cella, died in separate traffic accidents.

According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, injuries from traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for Americans from age six to 33. According to 2002 figures, one sixth, 7,500, of fatal accidents involve drivers between the ages of 16 and 20.

Of the 41,300 fatal car accidents per year, 63 percent are attributed to improper use of safety belts. According to police records, both Zentgraf and Cella were wearing their seat belts at the time of the accidents.

Rising sophomore Zentgraf, 20, of Charlottesville, died June 5. After leaving a party in Albemarle County, the Mercedes sports car he was riding in struck a tree when the driver, Zentgraf's friend Ross Brent Pickering, lost control of the vehicle. Zentgraf and Pickering were pronounced dead at the scene at around 2:40 a.m.

The police reported that wet road conditions as well as speed issues contributed to the accident. According to an Albemarle County Police Department Sgt., alcohol was also a contributing factor. As of Saturday, Aug. 29, police were still investigating the part alcohol played, but did confirm that it was found in the blood of both victims. The exact blood alcohol levels were unavailable.

Rising junior Cella, 19, was also killed in a traffic accident on Aug. 7. At the time, Cella was driving from her home in

Fairfax County to Mary Washington College on I-95 just north of Fredericksburg in Stafford County. She died instantly when a tractor-trailer collided with her 2003 Toyota at 1:50 a.m. The driver of the tractor-trailer was charged with reckless driving and involuntary manslaughter.

Both Cella and Zentgraf were well-liked at the college, and their unexpected deaths took a toll on the Mary Washington community.

A talented high school lacrosse player, Zentgraf was an integral part of the college lacrosse team. He was an undeclared major, but was thinking about Psychology. In addition to lacrosse, Zentgraf was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking.

Zentgraf's lacrosse coach at Mary Washington College, Kurt Glaeser, spoke highly of him. He remembers how Zentgraf would always put in extra hours after practice.

According to Glaeser, Zentgraf, who played midfielder, probably would have figured into Mary Washington's long-term goals for lacrosse. Though he was a third line player, Zentgraf played minutes in every game.

Glaeser recalls one game, the Capitol Athletic Conference tournament semifinals against St. Mary's College of Maryland, in which Zentgraf led the team to success.

"We were really struggling," Glaeser said. "Aaron scored the first goal, and that really broke the ice. We were able to go on and win the game." Glaeser added, "Aaron was liked by everyone. He was on a line with three freshmen, and they all really got along."

Sophomore Brian Cox also remembers



Photo Courtesy of Battifield

Emily Cella (above) and Aaron Zentgraf (right)

Zentgraf for his personality.

"He was just a great guy and he was one of those guys who was nice to everyone," Cox said. "He was really into lacrosse and just one of those guys who would never do anything bad to someone."

According to friends, Cella, a Sociology major, was also the type of person who would go out of her way for others. Cella's friends gathered on what would have been her twentieth birthday, Sunday, Aug. 31, to remember her.

Junior Diana DiCicco, Cella's good friend since high school, remembers her as very spirited and fun to be around.

"She was a really sweet girl, you know, the kind that would always say hello to you, even when you hadn't talked to her in months," DiCicco said.

Junior Jamie Greenwood, who also attended Centreville High School with Cella and lived next door to her in

Marshall Hall, had a similar story.

Even though she had not talked to Cella since high school, when Greenwood came to the college, Cella recognized her and often helped her with papers and schoolwork.

"Emily always had an insightful artistic talent," Greenwood said.

Cella was known for her artistic ability, and was involved in photography and theater.

If you knew Aaron and would like to make a donation to the Aaron Zentgraf Memorial Fund, please contact bcxxx5xn@mwc.edu.

Photo Courtesy of Jeremy Young



Worth Stokes/Bullet

Seniors Logan Goodin and Mike Moore in their apartment.

BY MAUREEN DUNDON

Staff Writer

A chandelier, a walk-in closet, a dishwasher, independently controlled air-conditioning—all this and more is included in the MWC Apartments, Mary Washington College's newest housing addition for upperclassmen.

The college bought the apartment complex, previously named Marye's Heights, last year to extend

Apartments Vs. Dorms

Students Decide How They Stack Up

housing possibilities for undergraduate students wishing to remain on campus.

With the apartments on William Street across from campus, the college has successfully lengthened campus walk.

"There are kids walking around all over the place now and you can actually feel the school getting bigger and better," said junior Erica Larsen.

Though Residence Life is alive and well and the landlord is still the college, students living in the apartments said that they are comfortable with the simultaneous proximity and distance provided by the location.

"We feel like we are still on campus walk – but



Conor Reilly/Bullet

Senior Julia Hoffman reads in her dorm room.

Even though she had not talked to Cella since high school, when Greenwood came to the college, Cella recognized her and often helped her with papers and schoolwork.

Junior Kathryn Watts agreed.

"I feel the apartments have a campus-like atmosphere of their own," she said.

Junior Kim Kendal said that she enjoys the apartments because they have fewer rules.

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Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To the remodeling at the Eagles Nest.



To having class on Labor Day.



To freebies at Club Carnival.



To the new gym not opening on time.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@mwc.edu

From Luxury to Lost Luggage

The Best and Worst of Students' Summer Vacations

BY MINDY COMPHER

Staff Writer

For most Mary Washington College students, a summer off from school is not complete without a vacation away from the humdrum of everyday life.

During their summer breaks, students this year traveled to exotic places, kicked it on the beach and even found time for a little education. Though most of their trips went off without a hitch, some took a turn in the opposite direction, leaving one student with lost luggage.

Senior Taryn Friend was one of the lucky ones. She found herself in the lap of luxury this summer at the Ritz-Carlton in Kapalua, Maui.

"We were welcomed by a hotel staff so friendly that we were determined they got a daily dose of Prozac," Friend said. "Our first day we decided to drive the Road to Hana, which is 52 miles long, has 617 curves, and 50 one-lane bridges, with mountains and jungle on one side and cliffs dropping into the ocean on the other."

"Another day we watched the sun rise from the top of Mount Haleakala. It's a completely different experience watching the sunrise from above the clouds and throwing all sorts of colors on the clouds below. There isn't any other place like it."

Junior George Pagonis also spent part of his summer in an exotic location. He stayed for four weeks at his family's summer house on the island of Paros, off Greece.

"There was nice weather, nice beaches, nude beaches, clubbing every night until 7 a.m., and good food," Pagonis said. "Basically, anything goes in Greece. I went to all of the crazy party islands, including Mykonos, which is the wildest one in Greece."

Senior Keith Dennee relaxed on the beach as well in Ocean City for his twenty-first birthday.

"I spent most of the days on the beach, playing football, riding the waves, just relaxing in the sun having a great time with all my boys," Dennee said. "The hotel had one huge balcony party on every floor,

and then we went out clubbing after that every night. I went parasailing too. It made for an awesome twenty-first birthday."

Jake Schwing, a sophomore from New Jersey, chose a less commercial route.

"I went to Assateague Island in Maryland for a week with my family, where I've been going since I was a kid," he said.

During the trip, Schwing was able to camp on the beach, tie-dye his own shirts, and even frolic with the wild horses.

"I was boogie-boarding and there was a pack of wild horses running on the beach," he said. "It was a spiritual experience being that close to nature."

Brian Janelins made his own fun at the Chesapeake Bay.

"My friends and I rented a boat and caught a bushel of crabs in the Chesapeake Bay just to have fun," Janelins said. "We got up at 4 a.m. to go, and the weather was perfect, not too sunny."

Junior Megan Gallagher decided to add an educational aspect to her summer vacation.

"I took a writers' workshop from A.C. Crispin, who is a writer of Star Wars and Star Trek novels, while I was at the Shore Leave Star Trek Convention in Baltimore," she said. "It was a lot of fun, and I got to meet and learn from someone I respect a lot."

However, not every vacation went so smoothly.

Sophomore Katie Kelly ran into some trouble on her summer trip to Las Vegas. Though she and her mom got free lodging at the Excalibur through a time-share, the swanky hotel turned out to be less than perfect.

"We were pretty tired and disgusting because it's a long flight from Ohio to Nevada, and we both wanted a shower," Kelly said. "Well, when my mom turned on



Photo courtesy Jacob Schwing

Above: Jacob Schwing in Assateague with his family. Left: The Assateague wild horses.

the water, it was brown and smelled funny. We called the hotel people and they were like, 'Don't use this water, it could be poisonous.' They moved us to another room where the water apparently wasn't poisonous and it was fine, but the trip did not start out too well."

Ben Maxwell, a junior, went on a family trip to Colorado and was expecting a pretty standard vacation. However, when his luggage failed to show up at the airport, things went downhill quickly.

"My luggage got lost at the airport, and I didn't get it for three days!" Maxwell said. "I had to live off of my little sister's clothes - just kidding! But I did have to spend the first three days of my trip in the same clothes."

Whether students hung out in the lap of luxury this summer, roughed it, or ended up braving bad water, they're hanging on to those memories. There's a long, cold winter ahead, and those hot summer days will be on hiatus until next May.



Photo courtesy Jacob Schwing

Housing Pros and Cons

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"It's more of an adult setting," said Kendal. "Freshmen and even sophomores have so many living restrictions. If they were here we would all be completely under the same rules."

One of the perks students relished most is preparing meals in the apartments' fully equipped kitchens—and eating at a table that's guaranteed to be free, with no crowds and no trays to carry.

However, many rules reminiscent of dorms do exist. For safety, backyard grills are not allowed and the inner-courtyard swimming pool has been paved over to make way for picnic tables. All cars park with the familiar parking stickers, and the apartments have furniture similar to that in the dorms.

Still, the atmosphere is undeniably different from the dorms.

"There are no locks on the doors to the buildings, so anyone can enter the apartments," junior Cara Stout said. "The closest blue safety light is next to Combs, which is rather far to run if you are being attacked!"

It seems comfort has to come from the proximity of students.

MWC Apartment or Dorm: How Do You Decide?

Apartments

1. More living space
2. Kitchens, Dens and A/C
3. More freedom - fewer RAs and less restrictions

Dorms

1. Closer to classes, friends and campus food
2. Less to clean
3. More security - closer to police and blue lights

"There is a safeness in knowing that you are surrounded by your peers here," Twigg said. "These are legitimate apartments but with a safety net."

Unlike the majority of underclassmen who live in shared space that serves as a bedroom, living room and kitchen, the upperclassmen living in the apartments have dividing walls to keep dinner's burnt lasagna from ruining everyone's bedcovers.

"It's like we are halfway between college and the real world," Kendal said.

In fact, the MWC Apartments are rather far

from campus in the physical sense. They have officially beaten Marshall's infamous hill in distance. The traffic on William Street is a crucial new element. Those who sleep in quickly learn that every minute is valuable. Residents at the apartments must allow additional time to get to class, whether that's waiting at the stoplight or braving it with the squirrels.

"Eventually there does come a break in traffic where you don't get squished," Kendal said.

Despite issues of travel, the upperclassmen who received the first MWC Apartments are lucky. Keep the air-conditioning on—the rest of campus will soon be on its way... and we're staying for dinner.

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Sports

Applebury Is Anxious to Begin Looks to Turn Around Women's Basketball Program

BY TOM BORAK

Assistant Sports Editor

Freshmen will not be the only new faces on the MWC Women's Basketball team this year. During the off-season, the Eagles hired Deena Applebury as the new head coach, the seventh in the program's 32-year history.

On June 5, Applebury inked a two-year deal to takeover the head-coaching job from Rebecca Timmins. Timmins, who had coached the Lady Eagles for the past two years, turned down a three-year contract extension last year and returned home to Harrisburg, PA, for personal reasons.

Applebury brings experience and a history of success to an Eagles team that hopes to reverse its 4-10 conference record from a year ago.

Applebury played four years of college basketball: two at State Fair Community College and two at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is anxious to get underway in her new role as head coach.

"The biggest thing is getting to know the players," she said. "It's important so we can set the tone and they can understand what expectations I'm going to be placing on them and the goals that we're going to set for this program."

Applebury's coaching experience includes 5 years at the high school level before returning to her Alma mater, the University of Missouri-St. Louis where she was the assistant coach last year.

Despite the fact that the Eagles have lost only one player from last year's starting squad, Applebury plans to phase out the "Princeton Offense" employed by



Anne Litz/Bullet

New Women's Basketball Coach Deena Applebury.
Applebury hopes to better last season's 10-16 record.

Timmins, who coached there before her arrival at MWC.

"We'll start over with a new program," said Applebury. "Some of the options they've learned from the Princeton Offense will help them, but we're going to do a lot of quick hits, short plays to try and take advantage of mismatches."

Senior guard Katie Anderson is optimistic about the new game plan.

"It's always hard to change," she said. "[Applebury] is here to coach for us. She is going to find something that will work for us. If that doesn't work, we'll try something else."

Anderson, who was very surprised and upset when she learned that Timmins would not be returning as head coach, believes that the team will be able to

come together around a new coach.

"We were upset, but we knew that Coach Hegmann would find a good match for the team."

Anderson has confidence that the team will be able to adjust and rally around the new coaching style of Applebury.

"[Applebury] is here to win," she said. "She's very enthusiastic. She's going to kick our butts and get us motivated."

According to Ed Hegmann, Mary

Washington College's Director of Athletics, over 45 applications were reviewed for the position. Applebury was viewed as a good fit for the team based on her history as both a player and a coach.

Applebury, who earned her Masters in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Physical Education from University of Missouri-St. Louis in January of 2003, hopes that she is indeed the fit that the College needs.

While optimistic, Applebury is hesitant to forecast the season's outcome just yet.

"I'd rather not [talk about team goals and expectations] until I get an opportunity to get out on the floor with the kids and watch them play," she said. "The only thing I've seen of them is on film from last year."

Applebury is walking into the program with almost no idea of what she has inherited. All the recruiting was completed before she was hired, and Timmins' unexpected resignation allowed

little time to become familiar with the players and the school.

Fortunately, the women's basketball program is ripe for the introduction of a new coach.

After a disappointing 10-16 record overall last season, the Eagles have a long road

"She's going to kick our butts and get us motivated."

- Katie Anderson

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Fitness Center: A Work In Progress Students Annoyed That Fitness Center is Still Not Open



Anne Litz/Bullet

Construction workers work on the new MWC fitness center with no projected completion date in sight.

BY JOHN HALLIDAY
Staff Writer

Students walking on the north end of campus this year will notice that construction continues on the new fitness center adjacent to Goolrick gymnasium. The facilities were initially scheduled tentatively for completion last April, but delays have pushed that date back. The new center is now coming together bit by bit, although no concrete opening date has been announced.

The fitness center, contracted for construction to Haley Builders of Ashland, at an original cost estimate of approximately \$3.2 million, will house 15,000 square feet of new space. The center will feature state-of-the-art workout machines, treadmills, weights, and a 50 meter swimming pool. The project has been financed through the sale of bonds that will be repaid to the state with money from students' comprehensive fees, according to a college press release.

Students at MWC also seem to share excitement over the new facility, although a number of them expressed annoyance that the project has not yet been completed.

Junior lacrosse and rugby player Drew Cartwright, feels that the new gym is a good idea but that most people were misled as to when it would open.

"It's a good idea, because it will free up more space for athletes to work out, and allow more open time for teams to work out together," Cartwright said. "I also feel kind of angry that all the athletes were led to believe that the gym would be open for the beginning of this year when it isn't."

Senior Charlie Rainbolt agreed. "I think that the new gym is a good idea, but if my money is going to be used to help build it, I hope that it opens up before I graduate." ► See **GYM**, page 7

Calendar September 5

-Volleyball at Gettysburg College Tournament
-Women's Soccer at Messiah College Tournament

September 6

-Field Hockey vs. Lebanon Valley, 1 p.m.
-Men's Soccer vs. Albright College, 3 p.m.
-Women's Soccer at Messiah College
-Volleyball at Gettysburg College Tournament

September 7

-Men's Soccer vs. Shenandoah University, 3 p.m.

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Basketball Coach Ready for Challenge

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ahead of them. There is light at the end of the tunnel however, as the Eagles made a strong push at the end of the season winning 4 of their last 6 games.

This year has the potential to be a stepping-stone for the Eagles with a new offensive game plan, a solid core of returning players, and a fresh coach who plans on calling MWC home for the foreseeable future.

Practices start on October 15, and the Eagle's first game will be on November 21 at the Muhlenberg College Tipoff Tournament.



Deena Applebury

Anne Litz/Bullet

New Fitness Center Still Not Completed

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Mary Washington Director of Athletics Edward Hegmann could not offer a firm projected completion date for the project, nor confirm what the final cost of the project will be, he did elaborate on the numerous ways the new center will benefit the college.

Hegmann thinks that the center will allow the athletic department much greater flexibility in scheduling their various events.

"For example, intramurals can begin at 6 pm instead of 10 pm," Hegmann said. "A 50 meter pool with moveable bulkheads will allow multiple activities to occur simultaneously. For example, recreation swim can be conducted simultaneously with synchronized swimming practice, and can be scheduled at a much earlier hour."

In addition to the improved scheduling flexibility, Hegmann also noted that the new facility will allow for more students to attend basketball and volleyball games due to greater seating capacities.

According to MWC head swim coach Matthew Kinney, there is a hope in the athletic department that new, modern facilities will strengthen the college's recruiting power, both of in terms of athletic and academic recruiting.

"In terms of recruiting, the new

complex will be helpful. I think it is nice for prospective students and seniors in high school to see construction going on, and I think it will be beneficial to the college as a whole," Kinney said.

Overall, both students and student-athletes that are anxious for the new fitness center to open.

Junior Jenny Stovall, who uses the gym an average of three days a week said, "I'm a little upset that the new gym isn't finished yet, but I'm excited about the availability of more exercise machines."

Stovall, who is also a tour guide with the Washington Guides program on campus is concerned over the prospect of new students expecting the facilities to be done upon their arrival this year, saying, "We had been telling prospective students that the gym would be done for the fall, and I worry that incoming freshman might share my disappointment."

Junior cross country runner Kate Henshaw, who uses the gym five times a week, expressed similar feelings, saying that the new gym is a great idea.

"I think it will give a lot more students an opportunity to use the workout facilities, although I am a little disappointed that it is isn't done yet."

Hopefully the center will be open well before this class graduates in May, but in the meantime students will just have to keep waiting.

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Right to Bear Arms MWC Students Form Gun Club

BY LESLEY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Sparks fly from a .45-caliber handgun as the bullet races towards the bull's-eye approximately 30 yards away. That gun belongs to a Mary Washington College student.

About four years ago, Carrie Marston established the college's first Gun Club. Every Thursday night, a group of 15 to 20 students travel to The Range, off of U.S. Route 1, to learn about and practice firing handguns.

Even though the Gun Club has been around for four years, few students on campus know about it.

"I didn't even know we had a gun club! It makes me think of rednecks though," junior Janet Cooper said.

The officers of the Gun Club are ladies who hope to teach the members how to safely manage handguns.

"When I hear about the Gun Club, I usually think about of a bunch of country boys going hunting," junior Brooke Carter said.

The members of the Gun Club are

trying to get the message out that they are not a group of rednecks but rather, a group of students with a hobby and an interest. One of the goals of the club is to show its members how to load, fire, and safely utilize handguns.

"The club is not just a bunch of us running around shooting at things. We are there to learn how to use the guns, empty them, what to do in case it jams up, etc." Senior Amanda Picard, president of the Gun Club said.

"The goal is to bring awareness to the people who are ignorant, scared, or have never been in contact with guns, and help them experience that it is a tool, and that there is no reason to be petrified of it."

The officers of the club stress proper handgun use. Most importantly,

members on how to safely manage a firearm. Students are not simply handed a firearm and told to go play around with it. Instead, there is an elaborate safety meeting, along with rules handed out by The Range and a separate set of rules handed out by the club officers to insure

that no one will get hurt. Each member must sign each set of rules before he or she may go to the firing range.

The group has a meeting when it arrives at The Range, and the instructors show each student how to load, fire, and handle each of the handguns.

One rule that all of the members must obey involves the necessity of wearing eye and ear protection while in the shooting room.

The shooting area consists of a desk that the members stand behind with an electric handle next to it, which controls how far the target is from the shooter. The farthest the target can be from the shooter is about 50 yards.

The targets provided by The Range are the typical black bull's-eye symbol, smaller circles within a larger circle, on white, recyclable paper. If a member would like to print out his or her own paper or pictures and put that on the target, he or she may, as long as the picture is not offensive to anyone else on



Photo Courtesy of the Gun Club

A Gun Club member gets ready to shoot the Big One.

the trip.

"Last year, a lot of the members printed out pictures of Osama Bin Laden and used those as their targets," Picard said.

The club's goal is to acquire more members than last year. It would like enough people to be able to rotate out 15 to 20 different students each week.

The beginners start off learning how to use smaller weapons such as .45-caliber,

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New, Cheap Fredericksburg Restaurants When You're Sick of Seaco, Check These Eateries Out



Conor Reilly / Bulletin

Lisa Le serves up some authentic Vietnamese Cuisine for a local patron.

Pho Saigon

BY ELIZA BLESSING DOENGES
Staff Writer

A novice to the art of Vietnamese cuisine, I did not know quite what to expect from my dining experience at the Pho Saigon Restaurant in Spotsylvania. But, by the end of the meal not only had I been introduced to authentic Vietnamese food, but I also learned a bit about Vietnamese culture as well.

Pho Saigon, the first Vietnamese restaurant in the Fredericksburg area, opened back in January and already, according to waitress Lisa Le, they have had more than enough business. The restaurant has caught on quickly with locals, and is famous for pho, the authentic Hanoi beef noodle soup.

I chose Thursday evening for my first Pho Saigon experience, and luckily this was a good option. Weekends tend to get busy.

Not quite sure what to order, I asked Le what dishes are most popular. In addition to the pho, the Saigon noodles are a frequently chosen dish. I ordered "Mi Xao Rau Thap Cam," a dish with thin, flat egg noodles, stir fried with pork and mixed vegetables. My dining partner

ordered "Com Chien Heo Saigon," pork fried rice on a bed of jasmine fried rice including lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes and carrots.

My dish was somewhat bland to my liking, but I ended up eating most of my friend's food. The pork fried rice was excellent, and the portions were large.

Typical appetizers include the pho noodle soups, spring rolls, and delectable Saigon salads, ranging from \$1.95 to \$8.95.

The dessert menu was interesting. It included "xoi," which is a sweet sticky rice with shredded coconut, "dau hu nuoc duong," tofu delight in a sugar syrup with coconut cream and ginger slices, flan and "kem Saigon," Saigon ice cream. The ice cream came in four unusual flavors: mango, avocado, jackfruit and purple, which is actually yam flavored.

In addition, the restaurant offers affordable lunch specials for \$5.95, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The atmosphere is clean and friendly with authentic Vietnamese music, religious statues and incense. The wait staff is exceptionally pleasant and willing to help out with less experienced diners. Not every dish is for everyone,

but diners are sure to find at least one to their liking.

Bonefish Grill

BY MELISSA NG
Staff Writer

Walk through the revolving doors at Bonefish and become part of the classy ambiance. This high-class restaurant is located in Central Park on Carl D. Silver Parkway. The restaurant is an easy find and is well worth the trip.

People enjoy dining at Bonefish for its atmosphere and its famous fresh fish. It is decorated in fish décor with subtle orange lighting that creates a classy yet relaxing atmosphere.

As soon as you set foot in this hot spot, you will notice the relaxing yet upbeat "muzak." It is easy for customers to enjoy their visit.

Austin Speni, a manager at Bonefish Grill, is confident about Bonefish's service and staff.

Throughout the course of the meal, different servers will come to the table and greet you, offer you more drinks, take your order or take away your plates.

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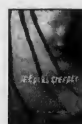
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What Is Your Favorite Building On Campus?

Photos and interviews by Peter Kelley



"Lee Hall. It has the Pakistani Flag flying outside."

- Humeira Akbar
Freshman



"Lee Hall. It has the Multicultural Center."

- Adina Young
Freshman



"Jepson, because I'm always there."

- Sara Stone
Sophomore



"Framar. It is a house with a family-like atmosphere."

- Vitto Amnatnvong
Junior



"Combs. Dr. Sanford, nuff said."

- Andrew Deci
Junior

These Three Are Newbies But Goodies

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Prices for appetizers range from \$5.50 to \$13.50. Bonefish offers a variety of fresh, grilled fish for \$14 to \$18.90. Each entrée comes with a house or caesar salad, sautéed fresh vegetables and a choice of delicious side items. The mashed potatoes are to die for.

Speni recommends the Bang Bang shrimp, which is fried shrimp in a spicy, creamy, Thai sauce. And you must try the succulent grilled salmon entrée with either the Asian sauce or the lemon butter sauce.

The menu consists of a variety of grilled fish such as the mahi mahi and the Chilean sea bass. These fish taste delicious with the warm mango salsa or the Pan-Asian style sauce.

To end the meal, coffee lovers will enjoy the fresh taste of Vanilla Sky coffee.

For those who don't have a taste for seafood, don't fret. Bonefish offers grilled specialties from chicken marsala to filet mignon.

There are only a few things that should be advised; make sure you have an empty stomach. Note that those who visit the Bonefish Grill once will probably visit on many more occasions.

Panera Bread

By KATIE JENSEN
Staff Writer

The cafe looks like a Starbucks. Only instead of cardboard cups, coffee and Frappuccinos the guests are dining on fresh breads, steaming soups crisp salads

and sandwiches.

A sign in the window draws people curiously close to the door. It reads, "Ever ordered a salad just for the bread? Ever ordered a sandwich just for the bread?" At Panera Bread in Central Park, every course is designed around their specialty, bread.

The bakery makes fresh bread daily. These are not just your traditional loaves of wheat and white though. Panera's bakery offers a variety of breads, bagels, and pastries including sourdough breads, croissant, tomato basil, cinnamon raisin, and many more.

The creators of the rapidly growing Panera Bread Company based in St. Louis, Mo. wanted to give their guests the best of all worlds by showcasing a selection of foods for all times of day at an affordable price.

Assistant Manager Floyd Lucas said that the creators intended to create an "everyday oasis." They designated the hours of the day past 3 p.m. as "chill out" where "folks coming from work can

bring their family in and not feel rushed," he said.

At the Central Park location guests walk in to smell fresh baked bread and a basket of samples to eat while deciding which sandwich to have. After the customer places their order, he or she receives a number to place on their table and a Panera employee brings the food out to their booth or table.

Lucas described the atmosphere as "fresh and friendly."

Lucas also emphasized the importance of community to the company. In fact, you won't see a commercial for Panera Bread anytime soon.

They rely solely on the power of the community to spread the word. They also contribute to the community through donations of both cash and produce to the area food bank.

If you want a beverage, they have a large selection ranging from Café Mocha and Caramel Latte to I.C. Cappuccino Chip, I.C. Mocha, and a new crowd favorite, the Iced Honeydew Green Tea.

The bakery also offers delicious soups ranging from Broccoli and Cheddar, Chicken Noodle and Black Bean to Fire

Roasted Vegetable Bisque. And you can even order your soup in a bowl made entirely of bread!

If you choose an inedible bowl, Panera provides you with a generous piece of bread for your dunking pleasure. The soups range in price from \$3 to \$4.50. They also offer a wide variety of salads ranging from \$4.65 to \$6.10.

Their sandwiches range in price from \$3.35 to \$6.39. Lucas suggested the popular Bacon Turkey Bravo, which consists of Tomato Basil Bread, two slices of bacon, turkey, Bravo sauce, similar to Thousand Island, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes. Panera Bread also offers a delicious array of specialty pastries, danishes, cakes, and cookies for dessert all under \$2.00.

Follow Panera's number one concept "Bread is our passion, our soul, and our expertise. Leave with loaf of bread under every arm." And a full belly.

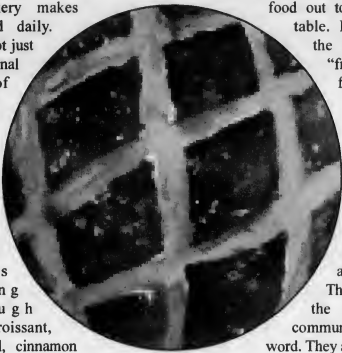


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A fresh pastry of Panera bread.

Mis-Gun-Ceptions

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9 mm, and .38-caliber handguns with the intention of progressing to a more difficult level with larger guns. If a member shows immense dedication to the group, by showing up to all the meetings and traveling to The Range on more than one occasion, then these members are invited to participate in the



Photo Courtesy of www.panerabread.com

Above: Members enjoying guns.

"Big Gun Trip" at the end of the year.

"The Big Gun Trip" provides something for the members to look forward to at the end of the year," Picard said. "We are still trying to set it all up, but we are hoping that during this trip, that The Range can teach the members how to fire stronger weapons like the .50-caliber Eagle."

The members of the club may also have an opportunity to go paintball shooting or skeet shooting.

The club requires its members to pay a fee of \$10 at the beginning of the year, which covers all costs, such as transportation and fees required by The Range.

"We encourage all levels of experience to come out and learn more about handguns and become more comfortable with them in a world of increasing weapons," Picard said.

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Why Stop at Just the Name?

Dear Editor:
"All I am I owe to my mother" George Washington.
Yes, this is the slogan that accompanies a popular save the name t-shirt around campus. But let's take a moment to think about what it really means to the college.
If you consider that statement coming from today's Mary Washington College students, and you think of the "mother" as the past history of the school, the quote still fits. Students today owe what they have at Mary Washington College to the legacy of past students, teachers, and even administrators who have given this school the unique reputation it projects today. This is not a legacy we should take lightly. It is not something meant to be "modernized."
After all, imagine other drastic identity transformations Mary Washington College could undergo. We could demolish all the great brick buildings that remind us of our historical ties to Thomas Jefferson's architecture at the University of Virginia. We could replace them with windowless concrete slabs.
We could also build them haphazardly around campus and get rid of all the public spaces we have come to love: Ball circle, where students play soccer and Frisbee; Monroe Fountain, where everyone gets to see and be seen; Campus Walk,

the spine that keeps this campus from being paralyzed in a jumble of impersonal spaces. They could all be lost in vain to "progress."
Certainly, we wouldn't take such a facelift lightly. Places and spaces are bred from time-honored traditions and give a school identity. So does a name. We cannot forget our history. Why should we? Mary Washington College has much to be proud of, with stellar academic programs, teachers, and students. We need to continue to add to the school's long history, not by erasing it, but by supporting it.
I suggest taking all the money, the massive amounts that would go into promoting such a name change - the letterheads, signs, and t-shirts around campus, yes, but also the money spent on letting people know that "Washington and Monroe State" (or any other concoction) is actually that *stupid, beautiful campus in Fredericksburg*, which for decades honored its female legacy, - and putting it instead into what we already have, namely our excellent teachers and programs for which we have always been known.
I am a senior and would like to give money to Mary Washington College when I graduate. I would also like to be able to point out Mary Washington College, with its beautiful buildings and spaces, to my grandchildren.
Kate Shiflet is a senior

They could all be lost in vain to "progress."

- Kate Shiflet

Process, Process

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recall effort will have any more success than the pre-Davis efforts have had.
Will the next governor face a recall drive, too? Well, duh. They all have, they probably all will.
Then, of course, the poor and the ignorant and those who can't manage a punch-card ballot are all being 'disenfranchised' say the NAACP, the ACLU, and every other front for the Democratic Party.
Ballots used to reelect Davis last year were manageable enough back then, it seems, and since when is a petition with two million signatures (and ahead in the polls) an undemocratic exercise?
As we know, the recall consists of two questions. Should we recall the governor? And, if so, who should replace him?
Only if a majority of voters first decides to give Gray the boot -- the same majority that would necessarily elect a candidate in a normal election -- does the question of who his successor should become relevant.
Davis said that it wasn't fair, not 'fair,' mind you, that he was not allowed the chance to succeed himself, that is, to be a candidate on the second question. Yes, we may elect a governor with a plurality of 25 percent, but a clear majority has got to distribute the pink-slip before Gray is run out of town.
See how unfair?
Well, as we know, the whole recall process is 'unfair' - it was written into

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the state constitution by Progressive over Republican objections over ninety years ago and since no one has complained about it in all this time it simply must be overdue for an overhaul - no, the ash-heap.
This isn't an impeachment where 'high crimes and misdemeanors' have to be proved before Maric Antoinette gets the guillotine - this is democracy in action. The people decide what is 'an abuse of the process' - at least, that was the original idea behind the 'Referendum and Recall' Movement of yore.
Process, process, process. The one question that Mr. Davis and his friends want to distract us from is the question "Californians must, however, answer: has Davis been a competent governor?"

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My Name, My Pride

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Mary Washington student, surrounded by some of the finest people with whom I have ever had the honor of living and attending classes. If the name changes, I shall continue to assert my pride in the college named Mary Washington because I would rather support a fallen, once marvelous, institution than a new imposter, attempting to be what it is not.
Dave Rickey is a senior.

The Weekly Wassup

What to do...Where to go?!

September 4 - September 10

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
General Interest Meeting for Giant Productions 8 pm, meeting Room 1, Woodard Campus Center.	<i>Cause and Effect Festival</i> . 4 pm in Ball Circle. Live music by <i>Here Today</i> and <i>McLaws Drive</i> . Free.	Film Committee presents <i>Down to Love and Chicago</i> in Dodd. 7 pm and 10 pm. \$1	Film Committee presents <i>Down to Love</i> in Dodd. 2 pm. \$1		Applications for the Phonathon are due. Contact x2055 for info.	
	Film Committee presents <i>Chicago and Down to Love</i> in Dodd. 7 pm and 10 pm. \$1					

Musselman Named the Toughest Cop

BY LAUREN DEANGELIS

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When Mary Washington College Police Department Sgt. Bryan Musselman graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Police Academy in 1999, he received an award for earning the highest score in his class on the fitness test. In fact, he received the highest score recorded in the Academy's history.

On June 14, Musselman racked up another honor when he was named the "Toughest Cop Around" at the Pennsylvania Police Olympics in Allegheny County, Pa.

"I have relatively high standards for myself," Musselman said of his awards. "There was good competition there but I was confident in my ability. I knew I would place well."

The three-day Police Olympics attracted 252 competitors who vied for titles in everything from darts to golf to a motorcycle rodeo. Musselman, 30, placed third overall out of 15 officers in an all-day competition for the "Toughest Cop Around" award. He won a gold medal for having the highest total score in his age category, which included four other people ages 29 to 34.

The competition consisted of a three-mile run, a 100-meter swim, a 100-yard

dash, pull-ups, a 20-foot rope climb, shot putt and an obstacle course. Musselman scored first place in four of the eight events. His first-place scores included 22 pull-ups and a 20:45 three-mile run.

"The hardest event for me was the three-mile run," he said. "Running long distances is the most difficult for me because I really have to dig deep and see what I'm made of."

Musselman is no stranger to hard work. A competitive kick boxer, he normally runs two to six miles per day five times a week, and swims at least three times per week in addition to body conditioning exercises.

"Working out has been a part of my life ever since I was young," he said. "It's become more important the older I get."

Musselman began preparing for the competition a few weeks before by tailoring his regular exercise routine to incorporate the events. He also trained with Cpl. Lloyd Holland of the Fredericksburg Police Department, who encouraged Musselman to enter the Police Olympics. A veteran of police competitions, Holland also won a gold medal in the 35 to 39 age bracket.

Though this was Musselman's first competition of this kind he plans to enter a similar competition in Virginia called Top Cop. Musselman and Holland also plan to enter in the Nevada Police and Fire Games, a larger, international contest, in the summer of 2004.

According to Musselman, they will compete as a team.

"We're pretty sure that minimally we'll be competitive with the people there," he said. "We expect to do very well."

Judging by Musselman's positive track record in physical fitness, those around him say he has nothing to worry about.

Mary Washington Police Chief J.C. Snipes said he anticipated Musselman's success at the recent competition.

"I was extremely happy to hear about it," Snipes said. "To hear that he won his entire division certainly made me proud of him and the whole police department."

Fellow police officer Curtis Doss, who often works out with Musselman, said he encouraged Musselman to enter the competition because he also knew Musselman would win.

"He's in incredible shape," Doss said. "And he's a fierce competitor. I didn't expect any less from him."

Both Snipes and Doss said they felt that the win was beneficial to the department.



"It gets our name in the newspaper in Sgt. Bryan Musselman won the "toughest cop around award at the Pennsylvania Police Olympics this year."

a positive way," Snipes said. "It humanizes the officer by showing people his interest in physical fitness and that he has a life outside of the department."

Doss had a similar opinion.

"I think it's great that he won," he said. "It shows that we are real police officers and that we do take our job seriously and keep this campus secure."

Musselman said he has received positive reactions from his colleagues and the community.

Despite the notoriety his title has brought the campus police department, the "toughest cop around" stressed that his motivations for competing were purely personal.

"I did it all for me," he said. "If it does paint the police in a positive light, I'm all for it. I'm glad to hear it."

As for the medal itself, Musselman said it is sitting at home with his physical fitness plaque from the Police Academy.

MWC Houses National Latin Exam

BY ANDREW HALL

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Mary Washington College is now home to the National Latin Exam, a growing international academic organization.

The National Latin Exam (NLE) is a non-profit organization that administers Latin skills exams in high schools in all 50 states and nine foreign countries, according to its founder and co-chairperson Jane Hall. Hall said the test serves to recognize about 126,000 participants for their achievement in Latin proficiency, and participants compete for college scholarships.

The exam will give Mary Washington national exposure among high school students who are searching for colleges, said Liane Houghtalin, associate professor of Classics. Houghtalin played a key role in bringing the organization to the campus.

"I saw an opportunity to promote Latin and Classics by affiliating our department and our college with the National Latin Exam because the National Latin Exam has a national presence," said Houghtalin.

Houghtalin said the NLE Gold Medal Winners are printed with their name and mug shot in a full-page advertisement in USA Today.

Junior Lindsay S. Biddinger of Spotsylvania, won one of the NLE's Gold Medals and the accompanying \$1,000 per year scholarship. She said she majors in Classics with a concentration Latin education. She aspires to be a Latin teacher and she is already certified to teach kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

Houghtalin said the idea of bringing the NLE to campus first arose in a conversation between her and Jane Hall at a conference, where Hall expressed an interest in finding a new home for the exam. Hall said she was running the NLE out of her garage at the time and Houghtalin said she acted as an intermediary, bringing the college and the organization together.

"I was a happy matchmaker," she said.

Houghtalin said her colleagues at the University of Virginia were astonished that Mary Washington was able to land a prestigious academic organization like the NLE.

"We are lucky to have them," she said.

Biddinger praised the National Latin Exam and its residence at Mary Washington.

"It's a good place for it to be based," said Biddinger.

Hall said she started the National Latin Exam in 1977 because she wanted Latin to have a standardized achievement exam like other languages such as French and Spanish. She also wanted to promote Latin education in general.

"Our intent is that it give him a feeling of achievement," said Hall. She said 40 percent of the students participating in the exam receive some kind of award.

"They do a very good job of testing your knowledge [on the NLE]," Biddinger said. Biddinger said she appreciated the scholarship because it recognized her hard work and eased her financial burden.

"[The award] also carries a bit of a name with it," she said.

Houghtalin said Latin education began to wane in popularity in the 1960s in the midst of various social upheavals. She said Latin education has made a comeback in the last twenty years, and attributes that comeback at least in part to the success of the NLE.

Hall said Latin education aids in the student's understanding of English, as English is partly descended from Latin.

Hall cited "the ability to understand your language to a greater degree because of your understanding of Latin," as a benefit of Latin education.

Houghtalin emphasized the great influence Greco-Roman intellectual tradition has on western

civilization.

Biddinger also discussed the benefits of a classics education, citing the similarities between American and Greco-Roman law and government. She said studying the logical constructions of Greek and Latin aids students in the logical methods of the natural sciences.

"Ancient cultures are fun to look into," she said.

Houghtalin said the organization is completely self-funding. Each student must pay a fee to take the exam. The large number of students taking the exam more than covers the operational costs and the organization has money left over to give scholarships, said Houghtalin.

She also said the organization received its startup funds from the American Classics League, a national Classics organization.

The college provides the physical space in exchange for a one-dollar-a-year lease, according to Dean of Faculty Phil Hall. Dean Hall, who approved the deal, called the lease a "formality."

He compared the college's agreement with the NLE to the agreement the college makes with a soccer camp.

Dean Hall said the agreement was made in such a fashion as "to meet the expectations of the state for good business practice."

He said the NLE pays its own expenses such as phone, but Jane Hall said the organization uses campus facilities such as the post office.

"They're giving much more back than they're getting," added Houghtalin.

Dean Hall said they checked on the legality with state government authorities in Richmond before the agreement was made.

Dean Hall said he had no reservations when he approved the NLE's residence at Mary Washington.

"What's not to like," Dean Hall said, "it's good."

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